

Department of Elections for New Castle County issues 2013 Voter Registration Report

Wilmington, DE – The Department of Elections for New Castle County issues the [2013 Voter Registration Report](#) as required by [Delaware Code, Title 15, ss2052](#). The 2013 report shows that the Department registered 13,424 new voters, updated addresses for 21,269 registered voters and cancelled the registrations of 19,243 registered voters. The registrations were cancelled because the people were deceased, had moved out of state or had been determined no longer eligible in accordance with procedures in the National Voter Registration Act.

The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) continues to be the source of most transactions. In 2013 DMV generated 83.9% of the transactions processed by the Department. The Department generated 12.3% of the transactions, the Address Verification program generated 1.4% of the transactions and the State's Online Registration Tool generated about 1% of the transactions. The remaining transactions came from other sources.

The Department devotes considerable resources in updating the list of registered voters. The report shows that commitment in the number of updated addresses, names and political party affiliations as well as in the number of persons whose registrations have been cancelled.

The State's involvement in the [Electronic Registration Information Center \(ERIC\)](#) has given the Department more tools to identify and remove deceased voters, remove and/or merge duplicate records, contact registered voters who have moved out of state in order to get their permission to cancel their registrations and to update addresses of other

registered voters. About 25% of the address updates in 2013 and about 10% of the cancelled registrations in 2013 were identified through ERIC.

The State will roll out a true online voter registration system with additional voter service tools in the near future. The current “tool” requires people to print, sign and return their application. The new system will give an applicant several methods of applying their signature to their application. Those who use one of those methods would be able to submit their completed application online. People who can’t use one of the online signature options or choose not to do so will still have the print, sign and mail option.

[Copies of previous reports](#) are also available.

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